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RESPONSE TO AN ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, Applicant responds as follows:

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Claims 1-19 are pending. This is a response to a restriction/election requirement mailed August 8, 2003, in the above-captioned patent application. The Examiner identified two (2) groups of Claims, Group I, Claims 1-10, and Group II, Claims 11-13. Applicants respectfully traverse this restriction; however, Applicants conditionally elects the Claims of Group I, claims 1-11, drawn to a laminated assembly classified, classified in class 336, subclass 234 to prosecute in the present application as required by the Examiner.

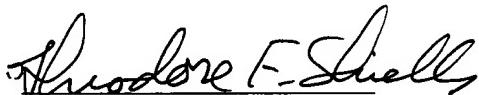
Applicant respectfully requests a one month's extension of time for response to the Official Action. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of Carr LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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